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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 2 January 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 2 April 2008. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 2 May 2008 is enclosed, along with the required fee. Only three claims are pending, claims 37 and 39-40, and all rejections are over the art.

Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy and thoughtful consideration given their undersigned representative at an interview on 15 April 2008. The discussion at the interview resolved some issues, applicants believe. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and to the discussion at the interview, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.